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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this patent application kindly enter the following amendments to the claims:

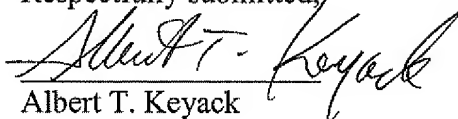
1. (Currently amended) A plugin for a browser, ~~which~~ wherein said plugin operates upon detection of a DNS look-up failure to attempt a DNS look-up on an alternative name server.
2. A plugin according to claim 1 in that operates by detecting when the browser is about to display an error to inform a user that a referenced name cannot be found.
3. A plugin according to claim 2 in which the plugins perform a further name lookup before the error is displayed.
4. (Currently amended) A plugin according to claim ~~2 or claim 3~~ in which ~~This can be achieved readily by providing~~ wherein the plugin provides a script to execute in the context of the browser.
5. (Currently amended) A plugin according to ~~any preceding claim that is suitable for installation~~ installed in a web browser by being downloaded from a remote web site.
6. (Currently amended) A plugin according to claim 5 ~~that is packaged with further comprising~~ an installer that installs the plugin with a minimum of user intervention.
7. (Currently amended) A plugin according to ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 that is operative to contact a remote server to obtain data relating to the alternative name server.
8. A plugin according to claim 7 in which the data may be obtained each time the operating system is started or each time the plugin is initiated.
9. (Currently amended) A plugin according to ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 that operates by configuring proxy server settings of a web browser in which it is installed.
10. (Currently amended) A plugin according to ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 that communicates with the alternative DNS server through a proxy server.
11. (Cancelled) ~~A plugin for a web browser substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawing.~~
12. A web browser that has a plugin that operates upon detection of a DNS look-up failure to attempt a DNS look-up on an alternative name server.
13. A web browser according to claim 12 that is configured by the plugin to refer DNS look-ups to an alternative server through configuration of its proxy settings.

14. A method of resolving a network name, the method comprising; using a browser to make a request for a resource with reference to a host by name; attempting to resolve the name by reference to a first DNS system; and in the event that the browser receives a negative response from the DNS system, it executes a configuration file that attempts to resolve the name from an alternative server.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



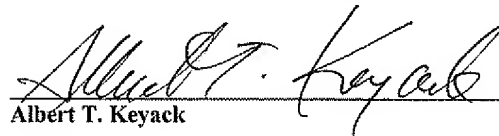
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